



Family Investment Administration

Notice of Selection to Participate in Earned Income Disregard Project

Customer Name: _____

CI ID: _____

You have been selected to participate in the Earned Income Disregard (EID) Project. While receiving TCA, you must participate in a work activity and find a job. By participating in the EID project, you will keep more of your cash benefits when you get a job. Your earnings may even help you qualify for other benefits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

For the EID project, the wages of the first 100 participants will not be counted (disregarded) when we determine your Temporary Cash Assistance benefits. Once you find a job of 25 hours per week or more, your wages do not count for three months. After the first three months, we will disregard a lesser amount for the next six months.

- Beginning the fourth month after you find a job and continuing for the next six months, we will not count 60% of your gross earnings.
- Beginning the tenth month, we will not count 40% of your gross earnings when determining your TCA benefit. We will continue not counting 40% of your earnings as long as you remain on TCA.

After the three months of the 100% disregard of your earnings, your income may exceed the allowable amount. Your TCA case may close if your income exceeds the TCA benefit after all allowable deductions. You will receive a separate notice if that happens.

We must count all of the TCA and your earned income for your Food Supplement Program eligibility. This may reduce your household's Food Supplement Program benefits. You will receive a separate notice if that happens. Remember that your earnings give you more flexible income.

Other programs, such as subsidized housing, may consider all of your income when determining continued eligibility for their programs.

We will keep any information about you and your family confidential unless we are required to disclose the information to further administer our public assistance programs or as ordered by a court of law. We look forward to working with you as you and your family move to self-sufficiency. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. M. Green at 410-767-7944 or mgreen@maryland.gov.

If you wish to withdraw from this project, please complete the enclosed form and return it to DHR at the stated address.